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This document is the photostat of a two-page report dealing with Soviet supply lines through Hungary.

The Soviets are improving methodically their supply line on the "Stettin-Trieste front". The importance of the two Hungarian bridges completed during 1950 (Stalin Bridge at Budapest and the Baja railroad bridge) should be evaluated from this viewpoint.

The Baja bridge affords the shortest route from Rumania. Supplies from Rumania may enter Hungary at Lokoshaza and may then be routed by way of Békescsaba, Szeged, Baja, Dombóvár, and Nagykanizsa toward the Soviet line.

Another route from Rumania enters Hungary at Biharkeresztes and leads to Budapest by way of Puspokladany and Szolnok. Since destruction of the southern railroad bridge would render the entire line useless, the Soviets have ordered speedy construction of the Budapest Stalin Bridge, over which the same trains could reach the front line by way of Dorog-Almasfuzitc-Hegyeshalom. In addition, construction of another railroad bridge north of Budapest has been begun.

Transportation of Soviet supplies may be cut, however, before entering Hungary. All convoys to Hungary pass through the Carpathians and Soviet occupation of Constantza indicates the importance of this port for the Soviet troops in East Europe.

In the southern Carpathians the most important route crosses the Jiu Valley over the electrified double-track Brasov-Predeal line. In the eastern Carpathians, the southern route between Dorna-Vatra and Bistritza may be given consideration.

If the Carpathian supply line should be cut, supplies for the Soviet troops in Austria could be furnished by Hungary, but heavy armament as well as troop replacements would still have to come from the USSR. Therefore, the Soviets have established large depots in Hungary. Also, Soviet control commissions have been installed at important Hungarian railroad stations. 25X1A

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